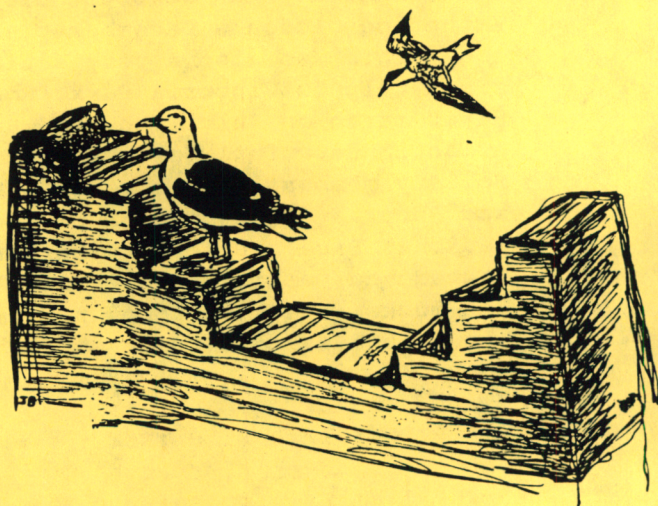


and Wildlife Service's publication. In addition, the Society assisted the P.E.I. National Park on the Piping Plover Protocol Committee to review the plover research work.

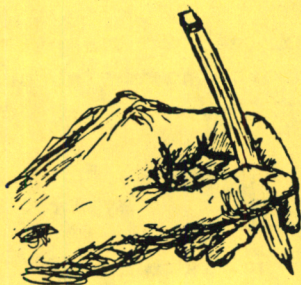
The deteriorating condition of the Hillsborough Piers made it unsafe to attempt to install the gull exclosures this year. In response, the Society established a committee to research and bring forward recommendations for gull control techniques to aid the population of Common Terns nesting on the Hillsborough Bridge Piers. After a lengthy discussion at a Society meeting and presentations to the Executive, the committee was asked to intercede with the CWS to encourage the implementation of gull control techniques and, if they were unwilling, to obtain the necessary permits and implement a gull removal program. Three Greater Black-backed Gulls were removed from the piers and tern nesting success increased significantly. A report is in the preparation stage on this project.



The phone alert system for rare bird sightings established in 1991 was enhanced by better advertising of its existence and by efforts to do follow-up visits on rare sightings for confirmation purposes. Documentation forms completion also increased significantly and a review system was established to obtain feedback on these rare or unusual bird reports.

The NHS participated in a review of the National Parks Policy and a review on documents on the Cavendish waste treatment system. In addition, Society volunteers provided input into Sustainable Forests the new national forest sector strategy, the Coastal Area Discussion Paper, the Environmental Impact Assessment process on the Biomass Cogeneration proposal, the Environment Week Advisory Committee, and the environmental management plan for the proposed fixed link. In addition, the Society led opposition to the construction of a parking lot on the edge of the dunes at Cousin's Pond and sent information requests to government agencies on the proposed cormorant shooting season, waterfowl populations and hunting seasons.

A number of changes in the Island Naturalist were implemented during the year. The most significant of these were the contributions of Carmel-Smith Bachand and Jacqueline Badcock in the preparation of original illustrations for the newsletter. In addition, the cover was redesigned to allow laser printing and the text production process was modified to utilize a laser printer. Six issues of the Island Naturalist were published and distributed to our members, school libraries across the Island, the National and Confederation Centre Libraries, and the U.P.E.I. Science Fair natural history winners.



The Society co-hosted bird identification and feeding workshops in conjunction with the Island Nature Trust and Agro Coop at the Farm Centre in October and with the Trust at Eptek Centre. It donation money to the Canadian Nature Federation and contributed *American Birds* to the Robertson Library

Our guest speaker schedule was impressive. The Society's Annual Meeting, delayed by a storm to February, was followed by Diane Griffin's presentation "Where are We Going".